(*b*) whether petrol driven vehicles have been purchased or hired by the State Transport Service for service on the Alwaye-Munnar line;

(*c*) if they have been purchased the price of each such vehicle and the number purchased;

(*d*) if they are purchased or hired ones the person from whom they were purchased or hired;

(*e*) if they are hired, the amount of hire per day for the lorries;

(*f*) the reason for so hiring the lorries;

(*g*) the daily hire of each lorry belonging to the State Transport Service and the net daily income from each; and

(*h*) if they are hired ones the amount of hire realised for each petrol-using lorry and the net profit therefrom?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) Number of lorries sent is 14.

The number in regular service varies according to the requirements of the K. D. H. P. Co., Ltd.

(*b*) Have been hired occasionally.

(*c*) In view of answer to part (b), this does not arise.

(*d*) The vehicles were hired from Messrs. Marikar & Co., Ltd.

(*e*) The vehicles are hired on a ton-mile basis.

(*f*) To meet an urgent situation when there was an extraordinary accumulation of load.

(*g*) The buses of the Department are not hired on a daily hire basis, and it is not possible to ascertain the net daily income from each bus.

(*h*) The question is not clear.

Kuttapuzha Canal.

435. *MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of expenditure estimated for opening the Kuttapuzha canal in the Tiruvalla taluk;

(*b*) of the estimated amount, the expenditure incurred till now;

(*c*) the present stage of that work;

(*d*) the amount spent till now in 1114 for that work; and

(*e*) when that work will be completed?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: (*a*) Rs. 1,38,735.

(*b*) Rs. 69,793.

(*c*) Raising of Thiruvalla-Kozhencherry road is completed and earth work cutting the canal is almost finished *i. e.* half of the estimated work is finished.

(*d*) Rs. 1,347.

(*e*) Cannot be stated definitely now.

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